



Weekly News

Village Minutes

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Did you know...?

Jacob Barkdoll's Home and Oldest Daughter, Lula

From last week's article: The stately Barkdoll home at 301 South Warren Street was built by prominent businessman J.W. (Jacob) Barkdoll in 1893. Jacob Barkdoll had a very successful buggy and harness business, as well as a creamery, and a blacksmith business located across from today's grade school on South James Street in Tremont. The buggy showroom had once been the old Episcopal Church. Jacob also served as mayor and postmaster for the village.

After Jacob and then his wife Katie's deaths, their eldest daughter, Lula, occupied the house along with her husband, A.C. Schneider.

Lula was an accomplished musician. She had attended Tremont schools, Illinois Wesleyan, and the O.R. Skinner School of Music of Bloomington, and for over 65 years, taught music to many, many Tremont students. She is said to have been an outstanding instructor, also imparting appreciation for the music of the masters. (One of her students was the musically accomplished Donald Niekirk.) Her pride and joy was her large A.B. Chase grand piano, which the students played only for special occasions.

Other treasures in the home were items that were in the Episcopalian Church when her father bought it; a ruby red lamp with a cut glass figured bowl, a black walnut cross and child's bookcase, and a brass stem set on a black onyx base.

It was January 16, 1948, when fire completely destroyed their beautiful home. In the frantic confusion of the moment, a neighbor thought to remove the legs and turn the grand piano sideways to carry it out of the burning home. It was badly damaged and had to be restored in Chicago at Lyon and Healy, taking several months. Few other items were saved from the fire.

Unfortunately, the items from the Episcopal Church were all destroyed in the fire.

Lula and her husband, A.C., built a lovely, more modern home at the same location, where it still stands today. A.C. died at home of a sudden heart attack. Lula died in 1973 at 87 years of age. At the time of her death, she had been the oldest living graduate of Tremont High School.

Like her father, Lula was very involved in Tremont. She was pianist for the Tremont Methodist Church for 50 years, past president of the Tremont Woman's Club, on the Mount Hope Cemetery Board, and selected as Grand Marshall for the Tremont Turkey Festival Parade.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Barkdoll home built in 1893, destroyed by fire in 1948



Lula Barkdoll Schneider, born in 1885 in Mackinaw, died in 1973 at Proctor Hospital in Peoria.

Winning Communities

The Tremont Community Weekly News

Are you enjoying the weekly Tremont newsletter found each Monday in your inbox? The Winning Communities Board sincerely hopes that is the case and welcomes any comments or suggestions you may have. We greatly appreciate the numerous local organizations willing to provide such interesting and timely content our readers have come to expect. The Board is committed to continuing the publication into 2022 still free of subscription costs.

The Winning Communities organization relies completely on donations to operate. As you might imagine, there are administrative fees associated with this publication. Please consider assisting us with the cost of this weekly newsletter. A contribution of between \$5 and \$20 dollars would assist us greatly in providing this valuable community service. As our subscribers approach 1000, we reluctantly ask for your help.

If you're able, donations can be made to Tremont Winning Communities at P.O. Box 76 or dropped off at the Village Hall. You can also [click here](#) to donate online. The Winning Communities Board appreciates your consideration.

Tremont Historical Society Chicken Dinner & Program

SAVE THE DATE!

The Tremont Historical Society invites the public to attend our annual chicken dinner on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:00PM at the Community Center.

Chicken, drinks and dinnerware are provided. Please bring a dish to pass. The program will be "Show and Tell." All are invited to bring an antique item to tell about or to ask about!

Early Childhood Screening

Tremont School District #702 will be holding an Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, February 3, 2022. All children ages 0-5 living in District #702 are eligible.

This is not a Turk Center or Kindergarten Screening. The purpose is to screen developmental levels in motor skills, general knowledge, social skills, and speech/language skills in order to assess the need for special education services. Further evaluation may be recommended.

If you have concerns in the areas listed or would like reassurance that your child is progressing well, you can call and make an appointment. Contact Lisa Miller at 309-925-3461 Ext. 1016.



2022 Little Dribblers Basketball Program

Little Dribblers is our recreation basketball program for boys and girls between the ages of Kindergarten – 3rd Grade. The program focuses on the basic skills including dribbling, passing, shooting, and scrimmaging at the end of the season.

Registration is now open online and at the Park District Office.

Dates: February 12 – March 12 (Saturdays)

Where: South Gym at the Tremont High School

When (boys and girls together):

- Kindergarten - 1st grade 12:30-1:20PM
- 2nd – 3rd grade 1:30 -2:30PM

Cost: \$45.00 Participation Fee (includes participation shirt)

Program instructors: Noelle Marron and Drew Gierich

Please Register Soon to assure enough time to order and receive the participation shirts.

[Click Here](#) to register online.

Monday

MS BB home vs Metamora - 5:30PM

GB at Midwest Central - 6:00PM

Tuesday

Boys Swimming at Pekin - 4:30PM

BB at LeRoy - 5:30PM

Wednesday

MS VB home vs Eureka - 4:15PM

Thursday

HS Scholastic Bowl at Lexington - 4:30PM

MS BB home vs Midwest Central - 5:30PM

WR home vs Mercer County - 5:30PM

GB at Dee-Mack - 5:30PM

MS WR at Tri-Valley - 6:00PM

Friday

MS BB at Dee-Mack - 4:00PM

MS VB home vs Illini Bluffs - 4:15PM

BB at Dee-Mack - 5:30PM

WR at 5 Points Washington - 6:00PM

Saturday

WR at U High - 9:00AM

MS WR at Erie - 9:00AM

Boys Swimming at Burlington - 10:00AM

BB (JV) at Eureka - 11:30PM

BB (V) at EPG vs GCMS - 4:00PM

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities